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RYBAT (KMBALL (CATUSK))

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1. AT BIRTHDAY PARTY IN COB'S HOME, UTILITY WAS PRESENTED WITH MATCHED BLACK LEATHER PAIR OF SUITCASES, AND LEATHER DESK SET FOR HIS RETIREMENT DEN, FROM ☐ ☐ ☐ AND UTILITY'S MANY FRIENDS IN WOFIRM. HE WAS VERY PLEASED.

2. PRESS OF BUSINESS ON ☐ ☐ AFTER ASSUMING COMMAND WILL BE SO HEAVY AS TO REQUIRE CLOSE PROXIMITY AND FREQUENT CONSULTATION WITH UTILITY DURING MAY AND INTO SUMMER. UTILITY THEREFORE PREFERS, WITH OUR CONCURRENCE, TO MAKE HIS FAREVELL VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS IN SEPTEMBER. HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON WILL ENCOMPASS SEVERAL DAYS DURING WHICH HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SEE AND THANK THE MANY WOFIRM AND OTHER U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LIAISON WITH HIM AND HIS ORGANIZATION. HE INTENDS TO UTILIZE DESSAU'S HOME TO HOST A SOCIAL EVENING WITH AS MANY OLD FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE, IF NOT ALL IN ONE EVENING, IN TWO OR MORE IF NECESSARY. HIS EXACT ITINERARY WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE ENSUING MONTHS.

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3. UTILITY HAS REQUESTED ² [] TO ESCORT HIM, AS WAS DONE IN THE PAST. UTILITY RECALLED THE TILL-STARRED OCEAN VOYAGE IN 1956 WHEN THE SUEZ CRISIS AND HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION CAUGHT HIM IN MID-OCEAN AND NECESSITATED HIS IMMEDIATE RETURN AFTER LANDING IN NEW YORK. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GO BY FASTEST SEA ROUTE (PROBABLY SS UNITED STATES) AND TRY TO RECAPTURE THE RELAXING LEISURE USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN OCEAN SAIL. [] ³ STATED HE COULD NOT PROMISE ESCORT DUE TO BUDGETARY REASONS AND THAT DECISION ON THIS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING LATER, BUT [] ² OPINED PROPOSAL OF SURFACE TRAVEL FOR AN EXCORT MIGHT BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE. UTILITY SAID IF THIS WERE THE CASE, HE WOULD FOREGO SHIP TRAVEL IN FAVOR OF AIR. OUT OF FEAR OF BEING INTERCEPTED BY THE PRESS, UTILITY WILL PROBABLY TRAVEL IN ALIAS, AS HE HAS ALWAYS DONE PREVIOUSLY.

4. UTILITY DOES PLAN TO STAY AT [DESSAU'S] HOME, BY WHICH TIME [DESSAU] WILL PROBABLY HAVE HAD HIS ALLOTMENT OF "KURS" TDY, AND ANNUAL LEAVE BEHIND HIM.

5. [] ³ RECALLS THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE PAST THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTING UTILITY WITH LEGION OF MERIT, UNDER

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JOINT ⁵VOFIRM-LNSHOE SPONSORSHIP, WAS MENTIONED. OUR AGGRESSIVE
LOCAL ⁶LTUUCK REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY RAISED SUGGESTION THAT
CHIEF OF ⁶LTUUCK INTELLIGENCE MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO PRESENTING
UTILITY WITH APPROPRIATE MEDAL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT. ⁶LTUUCK REP WAS ADVISED TO ESCHEW ANY PROMOTION
OF THIS SORT SINCE THIS WAS A MATTER FOR ⁵VOFIRM TO WORK OUT
WITH LNSHOE IF DEEMED DESIRABLE ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. MUNICH BASE ASSUMES THAT GOLD
MEDALLION WOULD BE PRESENTED IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER MEDAL.

²6. ALL IN ALL, UTILITY SEEMS TO HAVE FULLY RECONCILED
HIMSELF TO FACT AND TIMETABLE OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND APPEARS
WELL ADJUSTED AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS NEW STATUS AS A
GUIDE AND ADVISOR TO HIS SUCCESSOR. ²UTILITY BELIEVES HE WILL
BE ABLE TO SEE MANY ISSUES MORE CLEARLY AND MORE PHILOSOPHICALLY
IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT RESTRICTION OF SPEAKING IN THE NAME
OF ⁷CATUSK, SUCH AS: QUESTIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE AFFECTING
HIS COUNTRY AND THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. IN A BIRTHDAY-DINNER
TOAST, ²UTILITY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. AND GERMAN
GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONG PARTNERS AND ALLIES
IN THE CAUSE OF ALL THAT THE WESTERN ALLIANCE HOLDS DEAR--

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FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE, AND RECOGNITION OF AN OPPOSITION TO THE DANGERS STILL PRESENTED BY THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. HE REPEATED MANY TIMES IN TETE-A-TETE CONVERSATION THAT HE PERSONALLY CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED UPON AS SYMPATHETIC TO AND A PROponent OF U.S. POLICIES IN EUROPE AND GERMANY.

7. UTILITY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COUNT ON CONTACT WITH WOFIRM VIA COS GERMANY AND 4 OF COURSE WITH THE BLESSING OF 4

ALREADY CONCURRED. HE WAS ASSURED THAT

WELCOME

SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SINCE HIS VIEWS ON CONCERN BETWEEN QU TWO COUNTRIES WOULD OF VALUE. HE WAS ASSURED THAT COB MUNIC TIME FOR KEEPING THE CONTACT ALIVE. RE PAST, HE WOULD BE READY TO SEE US WHENEV HE TURNED TO THE GAESTBUCH, WROTE A PLEA SHOOK HANDS, ROUNDED UP HIS GIFTS, BUNDLI FOR HIS HOME IN BERG BEI STARNBERG.

8. COMMENT: DEFER TO HQS. ON DISSEMIN INTERESTED PERSONS OUTSIDE DIVISION SUCH

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